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<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Date</u>
6,245,658	Buynoski	June 12, 2001
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Chung-Hui Chen et al., "A Novel Multi-Level Interconnect Scheme With Air As Low K Inter-Metal Dielectric For Ultradeep Submicron Application" Solid-States Electronics 45 (2001), Pp. 199-203.

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